## Durham County Women's Commission MINUTES August 28, 2002

Present: Annette Baily, Veronica Hicks, Yolanda Mangun-Gordon, Kim O'Neill, Kim Thornton, Gale Meyer, Linda Foreman

Treasurer's Report: no change in assets; Kim will check re: county funding

## **Old Business:**

Needs assessment: a master's student has been contracted (\$14/hr for max of 80 hrs) to review existing data to identify needs and policy implications. The recently completed United Way community assessment was shared as an information source.

Genesis House- there had been some contact with a program specialist at Genesis House; identified needs included rent subsidies, referrals, tutors, support to victims of rape and domestic violence and community events; after some discussion, we will back track to confirm needs

Orange County Women's Commission: members had sought information re: how neighboring counties recruit and retain members. There are similar issues: the county advertises, members bring friends etc. A major difference may be the level of county support services to the commission, i.e clerical and logistical support.

Meeting Attendance/location: Shoneys? Veronica's family office?

## **New Business:**

Potential Partnership with Arise- there are some possibilities for partnership, including help w/ thrift shop, co-sponsorship of programs, sponsorship of an outing or resources. Hopefully Joy will be able to attend our next meeting. Program Ideas:

DSS holiday opportunities—"Share a Christmas"; holiday turkey Prom Dress Drive

Next Meeting: September 25, 6 pm, location TBA via e-mail from Kim